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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 29-36 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 32 has been canceled and claim 36 is newly added. Reconsideration of and favorable action on the subject application are respectfully requested.

The objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) is deemed obviated in view of the amended claim 1. Further, various "means for channeling water" includes the ribs 38 and grooves 48, as detailed in the specification and figures and further discussed below.

The objection to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter is deemed obviated in viewing the amended claim 1.

Response to Section 112 Rejection

Claims 1-5 and 29-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly being non-enabling in the specifications. The Examiner states:

...the specification, while being enabling for a box, the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for means for tracking water into said drainage interior portion while preventing water from tracking into said receptacle interior portion. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make or assemble the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. The specification doesn't reasonably disclose the claimed subject matter of claims 1-5, 29-35, and therefore the subject matter of claims 1-5, 29-35 are not enabled by the disclosure of the invention. The applicant is required to cancel the claims 1-5, 29-35 or provide a

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reasonable explanation of why they feel the specification supports the subject matter as disclosed in claims 1-5, 29-35”.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. However, in the interest of advancing prosecution, applicants have amended claim 1 to be directed to a means for channeling water into the drainage interior portion while preventing water from tracking into the receptacle interior portion. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, applicants have amended claim 1 to define the invention in terms utilized in the specification. However, this amendment defines the invention but is non-limiting. Support of amended claim 1 is found throughout the specification and drawings, specifically figures 2, 3 and 5. The means for channeling water prevents water from entering the receptacle interior portion and instead channels the water into the drainage interior portion (p. 3, line 19-21; p. 6, line 11-13; and p. 7, line 3-7). The present invention is directed to preventing water from tracking or channeling into the receptacle interior portion which houses the receptacles and jacks (p.2, line 17-24). Further, any water which comes in contact with the box is channeled into the drainage interior portion (p.6, line 11-13). The channeled water enters the box at the drainage interior portion which houses no electrical terminations. Various means for channeling water includes the ribs 38 and grooves 48, as detailed in the specification and figures.

Further, claims 1-5 and 29-35 are rejected under §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter.

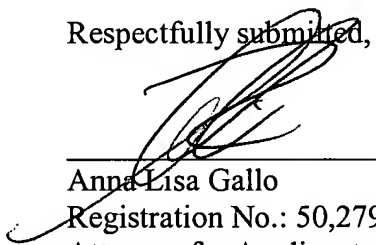
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Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. As previously discussed applicants have amended claim 1 in the interest of advancing prosecution. The rejection is deemed obviated in view of the amendment. The above-discussion about amended claim 1 and support found in the specification is equally applicable here.

In view of amended claim 1 the rejections are deemed obviated. Having responded in full to the outstanding Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the application, including claims 1-5 and 29-36 is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact undersigned counsel at the telephone number identified below.

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